

1997 Census of Agriculture

State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service

ALABAMA

Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,098,989	24	50
Value of livestock and poultry	2,466,010	15	50
Value of crops including nursery	632,978	34	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Poultry & poultry products	2,030,608	4	50
Cattle and calves	285,197	29	50
Nursery and greenhouse crops	178,216	16	50
Cotton, cottonseed	177,785	10	18
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	111,719	15	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	871,123,702	3	50
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	17,488,357	9	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	775,662	11	50
Cattle and calves sold	767,806	26	50
Hogs and pigs sold	380,853	24	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Broiler inventory	134,027,304	3	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	10,703,589	12	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	2,729,256	9	50
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	2,443,136	10	50
Cattle and calves inventory	1,530,566	24	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Hay crops-acres	778,602	27	50
Cotton-acres	433,160	9	18
Soybeans for beans-acres	316,019	26	42
Corn for grain-acres	230,484	27	48
Peanuts-acres	181,393	3	16

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	28,505	24,105	18
\$10,000 or more	12,879	13,800	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,509,917	1,930,063	30
Average per farmdollars..	60,661	50,912	19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	490,081	381,882	28
Average per farmdollars..	11,844	10,073	18
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	37,697	34,257	10
Partnership or corporation	3,469	3,509	-1
Other	218	139	57
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	15,568	15,712	-1
Other	25,816	22,193	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	37,865	35,019	8
Female	3,519	2,886	22
Operators by race:			
White	39,658	36,370	9
Black and other races	1,726	1,535	12
Average age of operator	54.9	54.8	0

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.